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REASONS FOR PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2007 and in support of the "Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review" in the above captioned matter, Applicant submits that his remarks and amendments presented in the response dated April 20, 2007, particularly regarding independent claims 1, 33 and 65, should have been persuasive, remain persuasive when compared to the cited art of record, and place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that the Examiner erred in not recognizing clear distinctions between the claimed invention and the cited art. For these reasons, Applicant seeks a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

Claims 1-4, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18-24, 25, 33-38, 44-48, 50-58, 65-70, 74-80 and 83-85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson, Jr. et al., 6,579,203 ("Anderson"), in view of Paff, US 5,164,827. Claims 7, 9, 10, 39, 40, 42, and 71-73 stand rejected under 35 US.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Paff as applied to independent claims 1, 33 and 65, and further in view of Narayanaswami, US 6,657,654.

Applicant's request for review will only focus on the independent claims in this application, which have already been identified as 1, 33 and 65.

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For the following reasons, the rejection of independent claims 1, 33 and 65 should have been overcome given Applicant's after submission of the April 20, 2007, reply and amendment. Applicant believes the record supports a reversal of the rejection if appeal becomes necessary.

Applicant's independent claim 1 is directed to each and every one of the following method claim elements:

simultaneously capturing at least two arena camera views of a live entertainment activity in an arena using a primary camera and at least one slave camera located proximate to the arena wherein movement of the at least one slave camera is synchronized to movement of the primary camera enabling the primary camera and the at least one slave camera to remain focused on a similar target of interest in the arena while simultaneously capturing the at least two arena camera views;

transmitting said at least two arena camera views provided from the primary camera and the at least one slave camera to a server;

processing said at least two arena camera views at said server for display on a display screen associated with at least one remote viewer; and

enabling display of at least one arena camera view on a display screen associated with at least one remote viewer in response to user selection of said at least one arena camera view from said at least two arena camera views at the at least one remote viewer, thereby enabling a user of the at least one remote viewer to view the at least one arena camera view through said display screen associated with the remote viewer.

Applicant's independent claim **33** is directed to each and every one of the following system claim elements:

synchronized cameras including a primary camera and at least one slave camera located proximate to an arena for capturing more than one video perspective of entertainment activity in the arena, wherein the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity can be transmitted from said synchronized cameras to a server;

a server for processing the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity for display on a display screen associated with at least one remote viewer; and

a communications network for transmitting the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity to at least one remote viewer for selective display of the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity on a display screen associated with said at least one remote viewer.

Applicant's independent claim **65** is directed to each and every one of the following system claim elements:

synchronized cameras including primary camera and at least one slave camera located proximate to an arena for capturing more than one video perspective of entertainment activity in the arena, wherein the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity can be transmitted from said synchronized cameras to a server;

a server for processing the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity for display on a display screen associated with at least one hand held device physically located in the arena; and

<u>a communications network associated with said server</u>, wherein the more than one <u>video perspective of entertainment activity can be communicated from said server through said communications network to said at least one and held device</u>:

wherein the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity is displayed on said at least one display screen in response to a user selection at the at least one hand held device, thereby enabling a user of said at least one hand held device to view at least one of the more than one video perspective of entertainment activity through said at least one hand held device.

The Examiner's Final Action dated August 6, 2007, wrongfully identifies that column 2, line 66 to column 3, line 15 in *Anderson* supports the teaching or suggestion of "transmitting said at least two arena camera views provided from a least two synchronized cameras to a server." A review of these specific sections in Anderson does not reveal such a teaching. The Examiner then cites to column 4, lines 6-54 in *Anderson* stating "the synchronized camera[s] are considered to be the video cameras positioned around the event." Sychronization between cameras simply is not taught or suggested in *Anderson*.

Anderson also does not teach the use of a <u>server</u>. Therefore, Anderson cannot teach the use of a <u>server</u> to process synchronized camera views or the use of a server for any other reasons. A server is simply not taught in any of the sections cited by the Examiner, and is not taught anywhere in Anderson.

Paff is combined with Anderson for its teaching of security cameras utilizing a master-slave relationship. Paff purely teaches the use of master-slave cameras deployment in a typical scenario, limited to its use within a premises or business for security purposes. As with Anderson, Paff fails to teach synchronization of cameras as claimed by Applicant, and as supported in Applicant's specification, within an entertainment venue to capture video

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The use of *Anderson* in combination with *Paff* for the suggestion of the synchronization of camera to capture video and the processing video from synchronized cameras through a server for transmission as video data to remote viewers from the server is simply not supported as required by 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

For the foregoing reasons, independent claims 1, 33 and 65 should have been allowed after submission of the April 20, 2007, reply and amendment by Applicant. Applicant is confident that amendment of these claims together with these remarks and will support a reversal of the rejection if the application must be appealed. Applicant hopes that prosecution of his application can instead be advanced to allowance in order to avoid further unnecessary delay for both the Office and Applicant.

In view of the foregoing discussion, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103. Reconsideration and early allowance of Applicant's application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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